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COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	14
NO:	0

MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1605, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1 Page 1, line 2, after "1." insert "(a)".
- 2 Page 1, line 6, after "display" insert "**flashing**".
- 3 Page 2, between lines 17 and 18, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 4 "**(b) This section expires June 30, 2008.**".
- 5 Page 2, line 19, after "2." insert "(a)".
- 6 Page 2, between lines 22 and 23, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 7 "**(b) This section expires June 30, 2008.**".
- 8 Page 2, line 24, after "3." insert "(a)".
- 9 Page 2, after line 27, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 10 "**(b) This section expires June 30, 2008.**".
- 11 SECTION 4. IC 36-8-12-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.153-2002,
- 12 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 13 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 11. (a) ~~Members~~ **A member** of a volunteer fire
- 14 ~~departments~~ **department** may display blue lights on ~~their~~ **the**

1 ~~member's~~ privately owned ~~vehicles~~ **vehicle** while en route to scenes
 2 of emergencies or to the fire station in the line of duty subject to the
 3 following conditions: **conditions in subsection (c).**

4 **(b) A certified emergency medical technician, a certified**
 5 **emergency medical service driver, or a certified emergency**
 6 **medical service first responder while traveling in the line of duty**
 7 **in connection with emergency medical services activities may**
 8 **display blue lights on the individual's privately owned vehicle,**
 9 **subject to the conditions in subsection (c).**

10 **(c) As set forth in subsections (a) and (b), blue lights may be**
 11 **displayed on a vehicle subject to the following:**

12 (1) A light must have a light source of at least thirty-five (35)
 13 watts.

14 (2) All lights must be placed on the:

15 (A) top of the vehicle;

16 (B) dashboard inside a vehicle, shielded to prevent distracting
 17 the driver; or

18 (C) front of the vehicle upon the bumper or at bumper level.

19 (3) No more than four (4) blue light assemblies may be displayed
 20 on one (1) vehicle, and each blue light assembly must be of the
 21 flashing or revolving type.

22 (4) A blue light assembly may contain multiple bulbs.

23 (5) A blue light may not be a part of the regular head lamps
 24 displayed on the vehicles. Alternately flashing head lamps may be
 25 used as a supplemental warning device. Strobe lights or flashers
 26 may be installed into the light fixtures on the vehicle other than
 27 the alternating head lamps. The strobe lights or flashers may be
 28 either white or blue, with the exception of ~~that~~ **red, yellow, or**
 29 **white may be used** to the rear.

30 ~~(b)~~ **(d)** In order for a volunteer firefighter to display a blue light on
 31 a vehicle, the volunteer firefighter must secure a written permit from
 32 the chief of the volunteer fire department to use the blue light and must
 33 carry the permit at all times when the blue light is displayed.

34 **(e) In order for a:**

35 **(1) certified emergency medical technician;**

36 **(2) certified emergency medical service driver; or**

37 **(3) certified emergency medical service first responder;**

38 **to display a blue light on a vehicle, the certified emergency medical**

1 technician, the certified emergency medical service driver, or the
 2 certified emergency medical service first responder must first
 3 secure a written permit from the agency, entity, or company with
 4 which the person is employed or for which the person volunteers
 5 to use the light and must carry the permit at all times when the
 6 blue light is displayed.

7 ~~(c)~~ (f) A person who is not a member of a volunteer fire department,
 8 a certified emergency medical technician, a certified emergency
 9 medical service driver, or a certified emergency medical service
 10 first responder may not display an illuminated blue light on a vehicle.

11 ~~(d)~~ (g) A permittee of the owner of a vehicle lawfully equipped with
 12 a blue light may operate the vehicle only if the blue light is not
 13 illuminated.

14 ~~(e)~~ (h) A person who violates subsection (a), (b), ~~(c)~~, or (d), (e), (f),
 15 or (g) commits a Class C infraction. If the violator is a member of a
 16 volunteer fire department, the chief of the department shall discipline
 17 the violator under fire department rules and regulations. **If the violator**
 18 **is a certified emergency medical technician, a certified emergency**
 19 **medical service driver, or a certified emergency medical service**
 20 **first responder, the violator shall be disciplined under the**
 21 **appropriate employment or volunteer policy of the agency, entity,**
 22 **or company by which the person is employed or for which the**
 23 **person volunteers.**

24 ~~(f)~~ (i) This section does not grant a vehicle displaying blue lights the
 25 right-of-way under IC 9-21-8-35 or exemption from traffic rules under
 26 IC 9-21-1-8. A driver of a vehicle displaying a blue light shall obey all
 27 traffic rules.

28 ~~(g)~~ (j) This section shall not be construed to include a vehicle
 29 displaying a blue light and driven by a member of a volunteer fire
 30 department, **a certified emergency medical technician, a certified**
 31 **emergency medical service driver, or a certified emergency**
 32 **medical service first responder** as an authorized emergency vehicle
 33 (as defined in IC 9-13-2-6).

34 SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) **If a privately owned**
 35 **vehicle that is used while traveling in the line of duty in connection**
 36 **with emergency medical services is owned by a person described in**
 37 **IC 9-19-14.5-1, as amended by this act, before July 1, 2003, and is**
 38 **equipped with green lights as set forth in IC 9-19-14.5-1, as**

1 amended by this act, the person may continue to operate and use
2 the lights on the vehicle in the manner provided for by
3 IC 9-19-14.5-1 until July 1, 2008.

4 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2008."

5 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1605 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Reske